SPEECH DAY

Catching Fire

The second book of the Hunger Games is by far better in my opinion. If you thought that the Hunger Games was exciting, I would definitely recommend this book for you. This book is called Catching fire. This book by Suzanne Collins is exciting and suspenseful.

Collins's career began in 1991 as a writer for children's television shows. After meeting children's author James Proimos who work on children’s books, Collins was inspired to write children's books herself. After 17 long year into her carrier, Collins wrote a novel entitled The Hunger Games, the first of a trilogy, which was released in September 2008 by Scholastic Press. This was followed by the novel's sequel, Catching Fire, in September 2009. The third book of the trilogy, Mockingjay, is upcoming and is said to be released for August 24, 2010. In just 14 months, 1.5 million copies of the first two Hunger Games books have been printed in North America alone. The Hunger Games series has been on the New York Times Best Seller list for more than 60 weeks in a row.

When I was reading this book, my heart was racing at some of the parts in it. This book is about two main characters, Katniss and Peeta that live in district twelve. The districts are numbered 1,2,3,4, all the way up to 12 because that is the rank that they are in importance to the capital. There was a district thirteen but it was destroyed a long time ago. For those of that have not read the first book the Hunger games, let me tell you what the hunger games are about. The Hunger games are an annual competition where two tributes, a boy and a girl, from each district go into an arena and fight to their death. In the 75th annual hunger games, called the Quarter Quell, the capitol has brought back all the winners from each district and let them battle it out to the death until there is one remaining Hunger Games champion. Now I'm going to read an excerpt from the book at the start of the 75th annual Hunger Games.

As I just read to you... that is the life inside Katniss when she is starting the 75th annual Hunger Games. Since this is her second time back.... she knows that all these other people have won it to..... with a greater battle at hand does Katniss win the 75th Hunger Games?? Or does she plummet to her death by the surprises that the Capitol has in store.... oh yes they have lots of tricks up their sleeve...

Find out what happens to Katniss and Peeta by reading the second book of the Hunger Games.... Catching fire..... Thank you for letting me have your time...

BOOK PROJECT

After winning the Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark return home to District 12, the poorest sector in the country of Panem. When Katniss and Peeta are about to start a "victory tour" of the country, she is visited by President Snow. He explains that he is angry at her for threatening to commit suicide with Peeta at the end of the Hunger Games, which made them both to win. After they embarrassed the Capital because they got what they wanted, President Snow tells Katniss that she created talk of rebellion in the districts. He threatens to kill her best friend, Gale, if she cannot prove to everyone in Panem that her act was not intentional, but that she was driven by an intense love for Peeta.

Their first stop on the victory tour is District 11. That is the home of Katniss’s friend in the Hunger Games that helped her win, her name is Rue. During the ceremony, Katniss says a speech to the people of District 11, thanking them for their tributes. When she is done, a man whistles a tune that Rue used in the arena to tell Katniss that she was safe. The whistling acts as a signal to Katniss. Everyone salutes Katniss using the same gesture that she used to say farewell to Rue. The Peace Keepers take Katniss away, but not before she sees then shoot the man in the head. Katniss and Peeta then go to all the other districts and the Capitol. When they are in an interview, Peeta proposes to Katniss, hoping to show President Snow the conflict between Katniss and President Snow can be over. After this happens, Katniss learns that their attempt of stopping the rebellion has failed. As they return home, the Capitol announces that for the 75th Hunger Games, 2 victors from each district will be forced back into the arena to fight to the death, once again. This is because of the Quarter Quell, an event that occurs every 25th year of the Games. It allows the Capitol to introduce a twist to the Games. Knowing that she and Peeta will both likely be competing in the Games a second time, Katniss decides that she will devote herself to protecting Peeta.

During the Games, Katniss and Peeta join up with two other victors, Finnick, a 24-year old man and Mags, an 80-year old woman, both from District 4. When they get settled in the arena, and after Mags' death, Katniss, Peeta, and Finnick join forces with Johanna Mason, a victor from District 7 that is often cruel, and Beetee and Wiress, a couple from District 3 who are said to be "really, really smart".

When Wiress proves her genius by showing Katniss that the arena is arranged like a clock, with all of the arena's disasters occurring on a timed chart, Katniss thinks that they have a good chance of timing the disasters. After Wiress is killed, Katniss learns of Beetee's plan is to use lightning to electrocute two other contenders.

What happens next.... does 23 tributes die and there is a winner?? Can Katniss really kill her friends that helped her this much to get where she is?? Just wait... another twist happens to the Games but this time, the Capitol didn’t make it happen... Katniss did. All of a sudden Katniss and her friends are in a race with the Capital... Where are they going?? How did she get out of the arena?? Did district thirteen really blow up and get destroyed or was it just a rumor??? Find out what happens next by reading this nail biting and intense book two of the Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins..... Catching Fire. Thank you.